

# **BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

**Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2012**

**Members in Attendance: Paul Desrosiers, Julia Forgue, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Gene Park, Bill Patenaude and Jon Schock**

**Others in Attendance: Marissa Desautel, Esq. and Traci Pena, RIDEM  
Greg Schultz, Esq. Rhode Island Attorney General's Office  
Bret Jedele, Esq., Chace Ruttenberg & Freedman**

**Mr. Patenaude commenced the April 4, 2012 meeting to order. He then officially welcomed Mr. Paul Desrosiers to the Board, who represents the Narragansett Water Pollution Control Association. Mr. Patenaude also congratulated existing members who had been reappointed.**

**The first order of business was the review of the draft March 7, 2012 open meeting minutes. After a review to add Mr. Paul Desrosiers to the attendance, a motion was made by Mr. Kurdziel to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Mr. McLynch. All eligible members voted in favor as such the motion passed. Mr. Desrosiers and Mr. Schock abstained from the vote.**

**The next order of business was the closed Executive Session**

minutes of the March 2012 meeting. After brief discussion and clarification of terminology, Mr. McLynch motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. Mr. Desrosiers and Mr. Schock abstained from the vote.

Per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4), Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session in order to discuss an issue regarding Rhode Island wastewater treatment operators related to possible civil or criminal misconduct. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Park, Ms. Forgue and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to table the matter pending additional information from the City to be made available to the Board. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Park, Ms. Forgue and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the April 4, 2012 Executive Session meeting minutes. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Park, Ms. Forgue and Mr. Schock all

**voting in the affirmative.**

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Park, Ms. Forgue and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.**

**Attorney Jedele then returned to the meeting whereupon the motion made in Executive Session was repeated. He then thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting.**

**Mr. Patenaude stated that he wanted to create a sub-committee to work on the draft Regulations, especially as it related to Mandatory Retraining. Attorney Desautel advised him that he could not do this as it would be considered a meeting if Board members were to convene. Also, an individual outside of the Board could be considered to not constitute a formal meeting. Attorney Schultz stated that a subcommittee could be developed without a quorum. Mr. Patenaude stated he was anxious to move forward with the Regulations.**

**At the time there were no applications to be reviewed.**

**Fifteen licenses had expired due to non-renewal.**

**All facilities that had been re-graded are now in compliance. Briarcliffe Manor and Tiverton High School have Grade 2 licensees on staff. Precision Park is not discharging.**

**NWPCA will be hosting a Legislative Breakfast on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 from 7:30-9:30. The Annual NWPCA golf tournament will take place on June 21, 2012 at Cranston Country Club.**

**With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. McLynch, the motion passed with all members voting in favor.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM Office located at 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI**